

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 20-29 with the following:

An allelic variant of the instant nucleotide sequence is understood to be any different nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide with a functionally equivalent function. The alleles pertain naturally occurring variantes variants of the instant nucleotide sequences as well as synthetic nucleotide sequences produced by methods known in the art. Contemplated are . even altered nucleotide sequences which result in an enzyme with altered activity and/or regulation or which is resistant against specific inhibitors. The instant invention further includes natural or synthetic mutations of the originally isolated nucleotide sequences. These mutations can be' substitution, addition, deletion, inversion or insertion of one or more nucleotides.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 6-9 with the following:

7. Use according to item 1 wherein said PDAT encoding gene or cDNA, is derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or contain nucleotide sequences coding for an amino acid sequence 30% or more identical to the amino acid sequence of PDAT as presented in ~~SEQ. ID. NO. 2~~ SEQ ID NO. 2.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 10-13 with the following:

8. Use according to item 1 wherein said PDAT encoding gene or cDNA is derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or contain nucleotide sequences coding for an amino acid sequence 40% or more *identical* to the amino acid sequence of PDAT as presented in ~~SEQ. ID. NO. 2~~ SEQ ID NO. 2.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 14-17 with the following:

9. Use according to item 1 wherein said PDAT encoding gene or cDNA is derived

from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or contain nucleotide sequences coding for an amino acid sequence 60% or more *identical* to the amino acid sequence of PDAT as presented in SEQ. ID. NO. 2 SEQ ID NO. 2.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 18-21 with the following:

10. Use according to item 1 wherein said PDAT encoding gene or cDNA is derived from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or contain nucleotide sequences coding for an amino acid sequence 80% or more identical to the amino acid sequence of PDAT as presented in SEQ. ID. NO. 2 SEQ ID NO. 2.

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, lines 23-26 with the following:

23. A protein of item 13 having the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ. ID NO. 2, 13, 14 or 15 (and the proteins encoded by the fulllength full length or partial genes set forth in SEQ. ID. NO. SEQ. ID. NO. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 or 12) or an amino acid sequence with at least 30 % homology to said amino acid sequence.